

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-12

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY COUNSELS  
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES  
ALL DSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION CARD/BADGE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS

REFERENCE: WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) SECTION 10805

This notice is to provide you with information regarding the requirement for a formal identification card/badge for social services workers who are assigned duties requiring entry into private homes.

According to WIC Code Section 10805, each worker employed by a County department of public social services whose responsibilities require making home visits shall be provided with an identification card, showing the name and position of the worker, and containing a recent picture. Upon calling at the home of any applicant or recipient of public social services, the worker shall display the identification card to the applicant or recipient. Should a worker terminate his employment with the agency, he/she shall return his/her identification card to the agency. This practice should help provide protection to the applicant/recipient against fraud, kidnapping or burglary by parties posing as County workers.

If you have any Child Welfare Services or Adult Services program questions, please contact your Adult and Family Services Operations consultant at (916) 445-0623 or ATSS 485-0623. Adoption Agencies, please direct your questions to your Adoption Policy Consultant at (916) 322-4228 or ATSS 492-4228.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Loren D. Suter".

LOREN D. SUTER  
Deputy Director  
Adult and Family Services

cc: County Welfare Directors Association